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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device to hold a flexible substrate to be printed upon, the device comprising:

a static support structure; and

elongated support units, each having a bottom surface supported by said support structure, wherein said units positioned remote from and substantially parallel to each other such that top surfaces of said units delineate a convex profile in a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said units; and

a tensioning device configured so as to produce tension in said flexible substrate when said flexible substrate is positioned on said top surfaces of said elongated support units, said tension being along a feed path of said flexible substrate parallel to said plane.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising a digital printing device including a plurality of print heads, said support structure being configured so as to provide one said flat region for each of said printing heads.

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3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2, wherein said printing device is a digital four color process printer and said plurality of print heads includes four print heads.

4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are support bars.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 3, wherein said print heads are positioned such that when said flexible substrate is placed upon said support structure, portions of said flexible substrate that are stretched between said support units are located below said print heads.

6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support structure is a substantially continuous solid surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said tensioning device is integral to a feed and take-up device which moves said flexible substrate across said support structure.

8. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are rods.

12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said support units are rollers.